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**Providing for Consideration of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2642 –  
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008**

1. Provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642.
2. Makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in the Senate amendment with each of the three amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution.
3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.
4. Provides two hours of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.
5. Provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read.
6. Provides that the Chair shall divide the question among each of the three House amendments.
7. Provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker.
8. Provides that the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record dated May 15, 2008, such material as he may deem explanatory of the motion.

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## RESOLUTION

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI, a motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with each of the three amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion except that the Chair shall divide the question among each of the three House amendments.

Sec. 2. During consideration of the motion to concur pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to such time as may be designated by the Speaker

Sec. 3. The chairman of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the daily issue of the Congressional Record dated May 15, 2008, such material as he may deem explanatory of the motion.

## **SUMMARY OF THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2642 PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE**

### **Amendment #1**

The amendment provides funding for the Department of Defense in the amount of \$96.6 billion for FY 2008 and \$65.9 billion for FY 2009, totaling \$162.5 billion.

### **Amendment #2**

The amendment requires that troops begin redeployment from Iraq within 30 days with a goal of completing withdrawal of combat troops by December of 2009. It requires that any agreement between the United States and the Government of Iraq committing U.S. forces be specifically authorized by Congress. It requires that U.S. reconstruction aid for Iraq be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Iraqi Government. It requires the President to reach an agreement with Iraq to subsidize fuel costs for U.S. Armed Forces operating in Iraq so that our military pays what Iraqis pay. It requires that troops meet the Pentagon's definition of "combat ready" before they can be deployed to Iraq and prohibits troops from being deployed in Iraq longer than recommended under Pentagon guidelines.

The amendment expands current law to make all contractors working in war zones subject to prosecution for offenses that would otherwise be in violation of U.S. law; extends the statute of limitations for fraud cases during wartime; and amends the federal criminal code to prohibit profiteering and fraud involving contractors overseas. It prohibits the establishment of permanent bases in Iraq. It prohibits interrogation techniques not authorized in the Army Field Manual.

### **Amendment #3:**

The amendment expands the education benefits veterans receive under the GI bill and would impose a tax of 0.47% on modified adjusted gross income above \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for joint incomes), a slight increase in the highest tax bracket, to offset the cost of the expansion. It extends unemployment benefits for workers who have exhausted their benefits by up to 13 weeks in every state as well as an additional 13 weeks in states with high unemployment rates.

It places a moratorium on seven Medicaid regulations that would cut services to seniors, families, and those with disabilities as well as cut payments to safety net providers. These costs are offset through amendments to Medicaid asset verification provisions and Medicare physician assistance and quality initiative funds.

The amendment provides \$5.923 billion for the State Department, USAID and International Food Assistance, including \$1.865 billion for international food and disaster assistance and \$675 million for refugee assistance.

The amendment provides \$4.6 billion for military construction, including \$939 million for BRAC, over \$210 million for military child care centers, and \$956 million for military hospitals. It provides \$5.8 billion for efforts to strengthen New Orleans levees in FY 2009. It provides \$178 million to the Bureau of Prisons for rising incarceration costs and a growing inmate population. It provides \$210 million to address decennial census cost overruns. Finally, it requires companies that receive more than 80 percent of their revenue from the federal government to disclose the names and salaries of their top officers, and requires federal contractors to report violations of federal criminal law and over-payments on contracts over \$5 million.